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Sir:

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These documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 09/275,766, filed March 25, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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